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ELECTION OF SPECIES AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Official Letter dated JUNE 30, 2004, Applicants  
provisionally elect the invention of Species 1 (Figures 1-4).

Applicants believe that at least the following claims are readable on Species 1:

Claims 1 through 10 and 12 through 17.

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge and agree with the Examiner's finding that the species  
are patentably distinct.


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Reply dated July 8, 2004

Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2004

Applicants request, however, that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement. The species shown in each of the Figures basically includes a pump to pump fluid from a reservoir, a load (brake caliper), an apply valve to supply fluid to the load, a release valve to allow fluid to flow from the apply valve and the load to the fluid reservoir from which it can be pumped again, and electronics controlling the position of the valves and operation of the pump. Although each of the species is considered to be patentably distinct, it is believed that conducting an examination of each of the species would not create an undue hardship on the Examiner because the subject matter of the application is relatively simple and a search for each of the species would likely be in the same subclass. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Election Requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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